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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE IMPOSITION OF TARIFF AND NON-TARIFF BARRIERS TO US
IMPORTS OF SHRIMP

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1. REFTEL A MENTIONS HEARINGS BEFORE THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION AND A PROPOSED SHRIMP BILL, BOTH OF WHICH MAY POSSIBLY LEAD TO THE IMPOSITION OF TARIFF AND NON-TARIFF BARRIERS TO US IMPORTS OF SHRIMP. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE HEARD OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION AFFECTING RABBIT MEAT IMPORTS FROM THE PRC (REFTEL B), THIS IS THE FIRST TIME WE HAVE KNOWN OF MOVES WHICH, IF SUCCESSFUL, MIGHT AFFECT PRC SHRIMP EXPORTS TO THE U.S.

2. IN 1974 PRC SHRIMP EXPORTS TO THE US AMOUNTED TO \$5.3 MILLION, AND WERE THE SIXTH LARGEST SINGLE EXPORT ITEM TO THE US. THIS YEAR, PRC SHRIMP EXPORTS HAVE DROPPED OFF MARKEDLY. HOWEVER, DURING THE FALL 1975 CANTON FAIR, THE SEABROOK FOODS INC. PRESIDENT'S PURCHASE OF SEVERAL HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS OF PRC SHRIMP INDICATES THAT SHRIMP EXPORTS TO THE US WILL RESUME, AND MAY ONCE AGAIN BECOME A MAJOR ITEM.

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3. ACTION REQUESTED: WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN KNOWING THE
BACKGROUND AND PRESENT STATUS OF MOVES WHICH MIGHT AFFECT US
SHRIMP IMPORTS IN CASE LOCAL AGENTS WHO PROMOTE PRC SHRIMP
EXPORTS TO THE US RAISE ANY QUESTIONS ON THIS SUBJECT.
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